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February 2019

- 1 – Pet licenses go back up to \$8
- 2 – Polar Plunge St. Peter/ Wild Game feed later at Dave's Place
- 3 – SUPER BOWL!
- 4 – Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 7 – Bookmobile – *Esther Avenue* – 10:15 to 10:45
- 11– City Council 7 pm – City Bldg.
- 12 – Lion's meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm
- 12 – LCS School Board – 5:30 pm Technology room
- 18 – Presidents' Day – Office Closed!
- 19 – Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center
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- 23 – Steak Night Ambulance fundraiser 5-9 pm Dave's Place
- 24– LCS Annual PROS Auction
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Red Cross Bloodmobile:

The 2019 bloodmobile dates are set for March 11 and November 4, 2019. The Bloodmobile will be moving to a new location at the Lafayette Community Center. Contact Lori Dick for details.

Home Mailboxes:

Note from our local postal mail carriers - please keep your home delivery mailboxes clear of snow and ice so that they can safely deliver your mail and packages.

LCS News

LCS PROS Auction: Sunday, February 24, 2019! A great way to support our local school through **PROS - Parents Reaching Out for Students!** See insert.

Community Coffees: 2:15pm.

February 24 – 7th and 8th grade class hosts

March 21 - K Roundup and Open house - see insert

DNR Classes:

Youth Snowmobile Online Field Day, Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Turkey Clinic Saturday, March 30, 2019.

ATV Hands-on riding class – June 22, 2019

For the information on these classes, they are posted on the website, or you can stop by the office.

True Transit

Just in update! Mondays and Wednesdays the True Transit will go to the New Ulm Grocery Stores for \$3 each way, the other days of the week it will be \$7 each way. You will still need to call ahead to get on the schedule.

True Transit is a Rural County-wide Public Transportation for residents in Nicollet, Le Sueur and Blue Earth counties. Go to truetransit.org for schedules and areas covered! Lafayette residents can ride if scheduled in advance! Call 800-560-1575 for more information.

Rent the Community Center:

Contact the city office 228-8241 to book your event! Make your reservations for 2019 now!

Support Our Local Polar Plunge Jumpers!

Saturday, February 2, 2019 is the Polar Plunge in St. Peter at 1 pm. Our Ambulance crew has had a team for many years to help support Special Olympics in MN!

That evening the tradition is to hold the Wild Game pot luck at Dave's Place and the event is free, but all free will donations from the night are given directly to the New Ulm Special Olympics group to help support their sports activities throughout the year!

1/14/2019 - Council Briefs

- Oath of Office was given to Mayor Tom Sandberg and new council member Sandie Peterson, and after the passing of Resolution 2019-01 declaring a vacancy and appointing Greg Verhelst to fill the vacated position, he too was given the Oath of Office.
- **Approved the consent agenda**, which included the 12/10/18 meeting minutes, bills for the month totaling \$199,675.62, Resolution 2019-02 Appointment of Authorized signers, the 2019 Council meeting schedule and Civic Appointments.
- **Reports:** Fox: One test sample was over the limit for Copper and according to rules; a letter and brochure will be sent out. The water filter work has started and will be completed by April. VanDeest: would like to purchase a new computer for the Fire office. Burger offered to represent the City for KNUJ Lafayette Days, Sandberg will attend the Nic. County Comprehensive Plan update meetings. Dick: Refresher was last week, two new EMTs will complete training in July, Commission meeting January 24, Dave Reed will attend. Walton: working on Title work for the building exchange, the surveying is completed.
- **Unfinished Business: City Building** – Fox supplied council with a spread sheet of the money spent and available for the remodel of the new office showing the two carpentry quotes of quote A \$99,984 and quote B \$93,630 . He then handed out the quotes for the council to review, after which they motioned to accept B. Work will begin soon.
- **New Business:** Acknowledged the Fire relief raffle to for their gambling license. The prizes will be drawn at the ham dinner in March. Also approved the combining of two parcels of a resident, one parcel was only 5 feet wide. Approved the first reading of Ord. 128 Storage/Shipping containers and set a public hearing at the February council meeting. Council will listen to comments prior to closing the public hearing and making a decision on the ordinance.
- **Other information:** Portner asked about the possibility of increasing council pay. Although this council can look into it now, if they choose to update the meeting pay, it would not take effect until after the next general election.
- **Change of meeting location for February:**
- Due to the updates at the current City building and the downtown building the council discussed changing the February council meeting to be held at the Fire hall at 800 Main Avenue.

Next Council meeting/Public Hearing for Ord. 128:
Monday, February 11, 2019 and will be held at the Fire Hall at 800 Main Avenue at 7 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Understanding your city:

Water Plant repair and upgrade:

The water filter project is well under way at the City water plant. Work is being done to repair the broken filter and while that work is being done the Council approved the go ahead to complete the upgrades from the pilot project at the same time.

During this repair process, which began January 7th 2019 and is projected to be completed by the end of March, the City water is being pulled straight from the City wells. The water in our region is very hard and residents may see minor discoloration from these minerals. If you have installed an in home filter system you may want to check and or change your water filters more often during this time.

The pilot project at the water plant was in operation for approximately 8 months. A small scale version of our existing system was constructed and by using a biological approach to filter the well water instead of chemicals. The results of the pilot project showed great reduction in manganese, Iron and Ammonia in the Treated water. The pilot project was conducted with a collaboration of the City, SEH engineers, and the MN Dept. of Health. Results of the pilot project along with Plans to develop our current filter system was sent and approved by the MN Dept. of Health. Once this work is complete there will be significant reductions in Manganese, Iron, and Ammonia. This will allow us to deliver a better quality of water to our residence.

Copper Letters:

During the infrastructure project a few years back, all of the city water main supply lines under the streets were replaced (Except Main Avenue from 6th to 9th Street). The service lines from the water mains to the curb stops were also replaced. The water line from the curb stop to the homes or business and the plumbing inside the homes or business were not updated. Some of these plumbing components in your home or business may be Lead or Copper plumbing.

The EPA Federal Drinking water program mandates public water utilities to test samples of the water supply in residential homes for Lead and Copper. In doing so the City has requirements to have homes that meet certain criteria, such as in-home plumbing older than 1982 and no whole house filter. Lafayette samples ten (10) homes typically in June or July on an annual basis.

There are specific instructions to filling the sample bottles, some of which are:

The tap being sampled must not be used for minimum of 6 hours to a maximum of 12 hours prior to sampling.

Before sampling the tap must be turned on and flushed for 30 to 60 seconds depending on how long your service line is. Typically you can feel the water temperature becoming colder. Once the temperature remains constant the line has been flushed sufficiently. The sample bottles must be filled slowly and NOT over flowed.

That being said, the recent sampling had ten percent (10%) over the EPA action level. Ten percent (10%) of ten (10), in our case is one (1) home and being we were at that 10% level, letters and brochures were sent to each home and business. If you have older plumbing always follow these precautions. Run your water to move the water that has been sitting in the pipe before you drink or cook with it. These universal precautions are for water consumption only and do not pertain to any other water uses.